

WSDOT I-5 Construction in Seattle and Shoreline

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Construction resumes on southbound I-5 between Olive Way and James Street

We need four weekends of relatively dry weather conditions to perform our pavement rehabilitation work. Mother Nature has yet to cooperate, pushing our construction schedule further into May. The first scheduled weekend closures for pavement rehabilitation work are now April 15 through 18.

Because the weather is so variable at this time of year, we will send out another e-mail alert to let you know as soon as we make our decision whether or not to proceed with construction.

On **Thursday, April 14, 2005**, we will close lanes and ramps on southbound I-5 to continue roadway prep work, which is not weather dependent.

- We will close the left (HOV) lane at 8 p.m. from Olive Way to Union Street vicinity. Immediately after the work on the east side of I-5 is complete, the left lane will reopen (probably before 9 p.m.).
- At 9 p.m., the contractor will begin closing lanes on the right side of I-5 from the Mercer Street off ramp to Spring Street.
- The Howell Street on-ramp, the Union Street off-ramp, and the South Columbia/James Street off-ramp will close at 10 p.m. A detour will be in place for the Columbia/James Street off-ramp closure.
- A second lane will close at 11 p.m., and the third and fourth lanes will close at midnight. At that time, southbound I-5 will be down to one lane.
- All lanes and ramps will reopen by 5 a.m. (Note: If the weather cooperates, the Union Street off-ramp will close again at noon on Friday, April 15.)

Friday, April 15 through Monday, April 18:

The following lanes and ramps will be closed day and night for the entire weekend:

- Union Street exit ramp closure will start at 12 noon, Friday, April 15
- Howell Street on ramp closure will start at 10 p.m. the same night
- Two lanes of southbound I-5 will close at 10 p.m., also on Friday
- All lanes and ramps reopen by 5 a.m., Monday, April 18
- Express lanes will be dedicated to southbound I-5 traffic all weekend

For up-to-date information on lane closures, weather delays or other late-breaking news related to James to Olive paving, please visit our [Web page](#).

While we are taking steps to minimize noise, people who live or work close to the construction may hear our construction work. The way that you will hear our construction will depend upon where you are located in relation to the freeway and where crews are working. For example, residents who are able to directly view the freeway work zone from their home may hear or feel more than people whose homes are shielded by the Convention Center, walls or other buildings.

If you have questions or comments about construction noise, please call our **24-hour noise hotline at (206) 768-9052**.

Keeping traffic moving during downtown Seattle I-5 construction

During construction downtown Seattle will remain open for business. However, traffic congestion is unavoidable given the freeway lane and ramp closures required. To help keep traffic moving, we will:

- Open the I-5 express lanes southbound throughout weekends when construction is underway.
- Operate the southbound mainline HOV lane as a temporary general-purpose lane.
- Encourage people to use alternate routes: I-405 and State Route 99 (Aurora Avenue/Alaskan Way Viaduct).
- Provide driver information on variable message signs, highway advisory radio and via our toll-free **5-1-1** traveler information phone line.
- Provide extra Incident Response Teams to clear incidents and help drivers

We need your help:

- Plan ahead during construction by getting [real-time traffic information](#) from our Web site, the radio or television.
- Allow extra time to get through Seattle during construction and, if possible, adjust your travel schedule.
- Share the ride—[carpool, vanpool, or ride the bus](#).
- Tell your friends: print and post our weekly traffic flier ([download the pdf from our Web site](#)) or forward this e-mail and encourage them to join our e-mail list.

For more information on what we are doing to keep people moving, check out the [Traffic Info](#) page on our website. You'll also find detour routes for drivers who would usually use the Howell or Union ramps.

Shoreline I-5 175th to 205th construction closes lanes

Monday, April 11 through Friday, April 15:

- The right lane of southbound I-5 in Shoreline will be closed from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. and the right lane of northbound I-5 will be closed from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.

Crews are building up and repaving the northbound and southbound shoulders of I-5 between Northeast 175th Street and just north of 185th Street to support traffic. When open to traffic, these new lanes will help alleviate a considerable traffic chokepoint on I-5. We will do everything to keep traffic moving and try to keep disruptions to a minimum. Crews must use heavy construction

machinery such as backhoes, concrete saws and asphalt grinders. Residents and businesses near the construction zone will hear noise louder than existing freeway noise. Some may also experience slight vibrations. If you would like to speak to someone about construction noise please call or leave a message at our construction project office at **(425) 225-8700**.

Federal Way project closes lanes on southbound I-5

- Drivers should expect nighttime closures of three northbound and three southbound I-5 lanes near S. 320th Street from 11 p.m. to 5 a.m. for several weeks while crews improve existing pavement.

Southbound I-5 traffic is using a [temporary median roadway](#) between Military Road and S. 320th Street through spring 2005. Drivers are prohibited from changing lanes in the temporary roadway, and we encourage drivers to use extra caution in this area. Drivers can hear weekly project updates on AM 1520 as they drive through the work site. Drivers can also sign up for [e-mail updates](#) for South King county road projects.

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